## California Air Resources Board

# Notice of Public Meeting to Consider Proposed Research Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider the Proposed Research Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Date: January 26, 2023

Time: 9:00 A.M.

In-Person Location:

Mary D. Nichols Campus, Southern California Headquarters California Air Resources Board | Haagen-Smit Auditorium 4001 Iowa Avenue, Riverside, California 92507

Remote Option:

Zoom

This public meeting may continue at 8:30 a.m., on January 27, 2023. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the January 26, 2023, Board Meeting, for important details, including the day on which this item will be considered and how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

#### **Background**

In establishing the state's approach to achieving clean air, the Legislature declared that an effective research program is an integral part of the statewide effort to combat air pollution in California. The Legislature therefore directed CARB to administer and coordinate all air pollution research funded, in whole or in part, with state funds. CARB established objectives for air pollution research, and in accordance with legislative direction, appointed a Research Screening Committee (RSC). The RSC is composed of outside experts to provide advice and recommendations with respect to air pollution research projects funded by CARB's research program.

On March 25, 2021, the Board approved the Fiscal Years 2021-2024 Triennial Strategic Research Plan (Plan). The Plan provides details on past and current research activities, as well as remaining research needs that serve as a guide for the development of future research projects that will support the Board's mission. Staff will present a list of proposed projects that continue to fulfill the research needs presented in the Plan, including CARB's goal to operationalize racial equity in CARB research.

For Fiscal Year 2023-2024, CARB is proposing eleven research projects that each address multiple research initiatives identified in the Triennial Strategic Research Plan. By investing in these projects, CARB can address long-term goals and challenges holistically.

The research program continues to focus on issues that are unique to California and its priority populations and communities, and to leverage resources and complement research supported by other funding organizations. The projects proposed for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 will identify and prioritize strategies that have health, environmental, and economic cobenefits, create additional health endpoints to assess our programs, leverage new tools and methods to identify and refine mitigation strategies to support air quality goals.

The proposed research projects will support the Board's decision-making and effective program implementation. A research budget of approximately \$6 million is anticipated to fund eleven new projects in fiscal year 2023-2024. Staff will also outline proposed changes to future Board updates on the Research Program, and request that the Board delegate approval of research contracts to the Executive Officer.

Board approval of the Proposed 2023-2024 Research Projects will authorize staff to proceed with developing these research projects.

#### **Proposed Action**

CARB staff will present a written report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at <a href="https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/research-planning">https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/research-planning</a>, on December 21, 2022. Please contact Chris Hopkins, Regulations Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:chris.hopkins@arb.ca.gov">chris.hopkins@arb.ca.gov</a> or (279) 208-7347 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not submitted during the meeting, must be received **no later than January 17, 2023**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Sonya Collier, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Research Planning and Climate Analysis Section, or (designated back-up contact) Sarah Pittiglio, Air Resources Supervisor, Research Planning and Climate Analysis Section at research@arb.ca.gov.

### **Special Accommodation Request**

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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D. Executive Officer

Date: December 21, 2022

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